



PROGRESS REPORT NO. 70

TO: Helen Bottcher – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - via Email

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RE: Upper Columbia River (UCR) Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study
(RI/FS) - Progress Report No. 70 Month Ending April 2012

Pursuant to Paragraph 39 of the June 2, 2006 Settlement Agreement (Agreement), the following is intended to provide a summary of activities completed during the past month in compliance with the aforementioned Agreement. It is also intended to provide a brief summary of pending and on-going activities.

A Draft Final version of the *Fish Tissue Data Summary and Data Gap Report* was submitted for review and approval on April 16, 2010. At the time of writing, comments on the draft Quality Assurance Project Plan for the Phase 2 Sediment Study (March 2011) are pending. However and as requested, additional information on the proposed toxicity testing laboratory (i.e., Pacific EcoRisk) was submitted earlier this month. In addition, TAI is presently reviewing and evaluating EPA's proposed alternative sediment sampling locations as received on April 30, 2012. TAI will continue to work cooperatively with EPA in evaluating the proposed alternative sediment sampling locations.

At the time of writing, definitive timelines for the submission of draft reports associated with white sturgeon toxicity studies have not been determined. TAI will continue to work cooperatively with EPA in evaluating and determining appropriate schedules for the submission of the aforementioned draft reports.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 509-623-4585.